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TELOMERASE CATALYTIC SUBUNIT

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated January 13, 2005, for which a response is due April 13, 2005. Accompanying this Response is a Request for a three month extension of time. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.